



About the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event

The Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event is a celebration to welcome home El Paso's Vietnam veterans August 2016. El Paso has never had an officially welcomed home its Vietnam Veterans. The event will pay tribute, offer gratitude and respect to support, honor, and thank our Vietnam Veterans and their families.

City Rep. Acosta, Dist. 3 and Chair for the El Paso Welcome El Paso Home Vietnam Veterans (WHEPVV) Committee and Ms. Patti Olivas, WHEPVV Vice-Chair, are the originators of this event and established the first El Paso Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event Committee. The committee is comprised with over 15 veterans and civic community organizations, government entities, citizens and businesses. In 2015, El Paso's Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event was designated as a partner of the Department of Defense 50th Vietnam War Commemoration and recognizes its partnership with the City of El Paso – Office of City Rep. Emma Acosta, Dist. 3 as an official Commemorative Partner.

The City of El Paso is an official partner of the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Committee!

Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans Banner Display

As a special homage to our El Paso Vietnam Veterans who did not receive a city and county wide welcome home celebration when they arrived from the war, City Rep. Acosta, Dist. 3 founded the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Banner Display. The banners will be displayed in over 100 banner poles in downtown El Paso and Airway Blvd. With the collaboration of the City of El Paso and El Paso Downtown Management District the banners are a tribute and festive welcome for our Vietnam Veterans.

The Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans Banners will be displayed from August 1st to August 31st in banner poles in downtown El Paso and Airway Blvd.

Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans Stories

City Rep. Acosta has established the 'Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veteran Stories' project for veterans to tell their story while serving their country as well as their experience when they arrived home from Vietnam.

- The project commenced September 2015 with the intent to publish a book of memoirs of all the stories of El Paso Vietnam Veterans. Each Vietnam Veteran who will attend the August 28th event will be given one free of charge at its book launch in November 2016.
- The Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran Committee has partnered with the El Paso Times who is printing the Vietnam Veterans' stories.
- The University of Phoenix, El Paso campus, is assisting local Vietnam Veterans in writing and telling their stories.
- Veterans interested in sharing their stories can call the office of City Rep. Emma Acosta, Dist. 3, at (915) 212-0003 or email at whvv@elpasotexas.gov or District3@elpasotexas.gov.



August 2016

Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans

DATE	EVENT	PLACE & TIME
Monday, August 1	Unveiling of the Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans Banners	San Jacinto Plaza Corner of Main St. and Oregon Time: 10:00 AM
Saturday, August 6	Museum Exhibit Ribbon Cutting: "Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans: A Tribute and Recognition to our Vietnam Veterans of War"	El Paso Museum of History 510 N Santa Fe St, El Paso, TX Time: 10:00 AM
Tuesday, August 9	2016 El Paso Classic Film Festival- Vietnam Veteran's Appreciation Film Day - Free admission for Vietnam Veterans "The Apartment" (Jack Lemmon & Shirley MacLaine)	The Plaza Theater 125 Pioneer Plaza, El Paso, TX Time: 1:00 PM
Saturday, August 27	Southwest University "Chihuahuas" Baseball Park Vietnam Veterans Family Carnival & Movie Star Wars: The Force Awakens Carnival starts at 6:00 PM & Movie at Dusk!	Southwest University "Chihuahuas" Stadium Chihuahuas Baseball Park 1 Ballpark Plaza, El Paso, TX Time: 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Sunday, August 28	Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans Parade Downtown El Paso	Route starts at N. Florence & Myrtle Ave and ends at E. Mills & Florence Review Area: San Jacinto Plaza (E. Mills Ave.) Time: 10:00 AM
Sunday, August 28	Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans Event Recognition Early Dinner FREE for Vietnam Veterans & 1 Guest Doors open at Noon	El Paso County Coliseum 4100 E Paisano Dr, El Paso, TX Reception/Social Hour: 12:00-2:00 PM Recognition Early Dinner 2:00-4:00 PM FREE Concert: 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Monday, August 29	El Paso Chihuahuas Baseball Vietnam Veteran Day Game - Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Closing Ceremony	Southwest University Chihuahuas Baseball Park 1 Ballpark Plaza, El Paso, TX Game Starts: 7:05 PM

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Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event
August 28, 2016
El Paso County Coliseum



Complimentary Early Dinner catered by Rudy's BBQ
FREE for Vietnam Veteran & 1 Guest

Vietnam Veteran's Name: _____

Vietnam Veteran's Guest Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Served in Vietnam: 19 ____ to 19 ____

MARK ALL THAT APPLY:

- ☐ I would like to invite more guests to the Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans Recognition Early Dinner.
of guests _____ @ \$20 Adults # of guests _____ @ \$15 Child under 12
- ☐ I would like to be interviewed and share my Vietnam Veteran Story. (Vietnam stories will be published in the El Paso Times and in a commemorative Vietnam book of memoirs)
- ☐ I would like to participate in the Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans Parade.
- ☐ Please contact me and provide more information

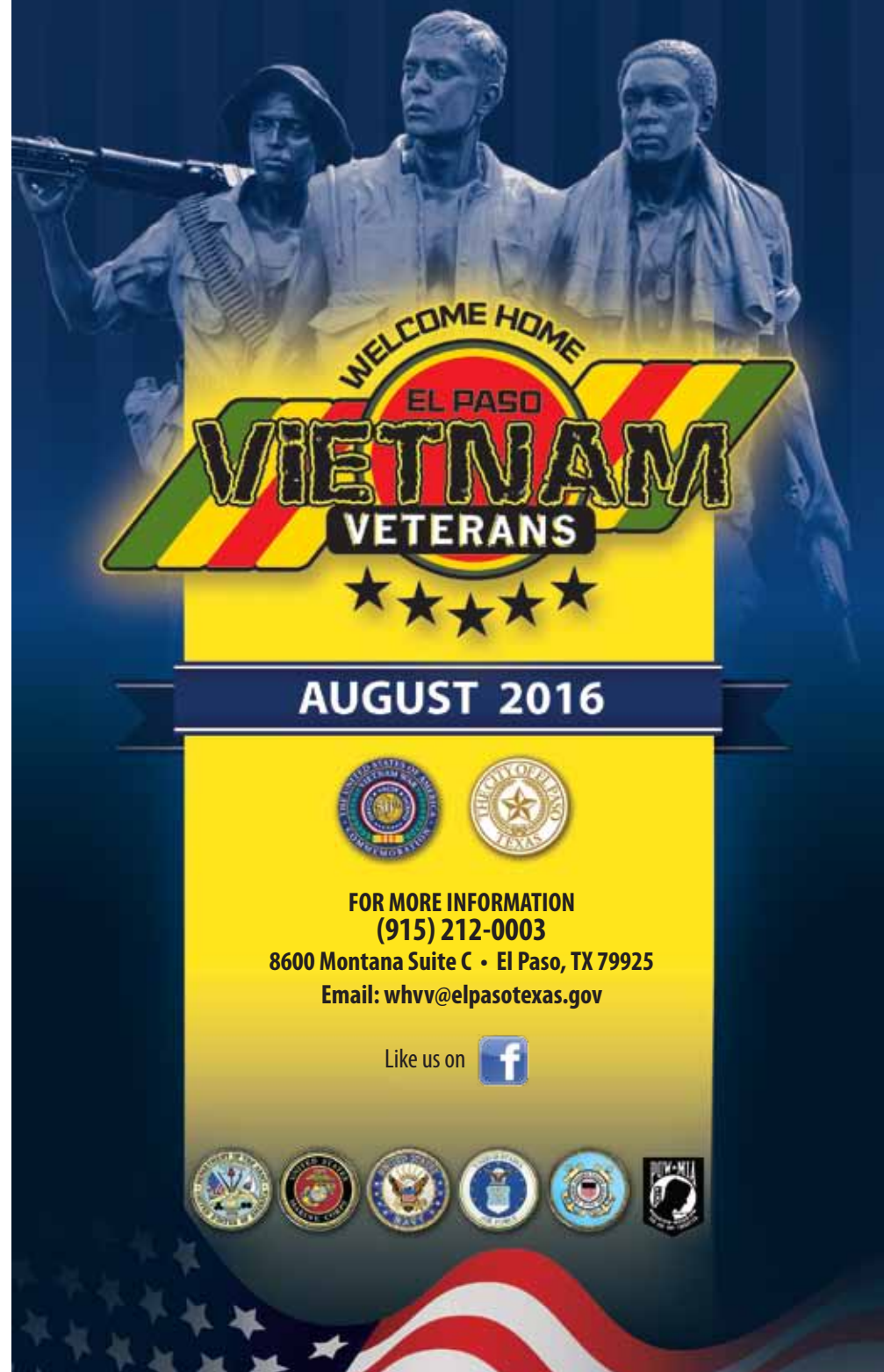
PLEASE RETURN OR MAIL FORM TO:
C/O Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans Event
8600 Montana, Suite C
El Paso, Texas 79925

FOR ADDITIONAL
EARLY DINNER GUEST TICKETS
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
El Paso Community Foundation

HOST HOTEL:

Hyatt Place El Paso Airport | 6030 Gateway Blvd. E. | El Paso, TX 79905
Aug. 25-Aug. 29, 2016 Special Rate: \$79 - Group Code is G-VET1
Online group booking link: El Paso Vietnam Veterans Event 2016
Reservation phone number: 1-800-993-4751

Committee Chair: City Rep. Emma Acosta, Dist. 3 & Vice Chair: Patti Olivas
Email: whvv@elpasotexas.gov | (915) 212-0003





July 2, 2016

ATTENTION: All Veterans Organizations/Auxiliaries and private organizations

PLEASE READ: Very important information

The Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans event committee (WHVVEC) is inviting your organization to participate in the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade on Sunday, August 28, 2016 in downtown El Paso. Assembly time is no later than 9:30 A.M. Floats have to be in place no later than 9:00 A.M. Even though the parade does not start until 10:00 A.M., the feeder streets for the line up will be closed early by the police. We encourage all organizations to enter a float anyway. Floats make a parade.

The theme for this year's parade is: "EL PASO WELCOME HOME THEIR VIETNAM VETERANS". All parade officials will be wearing a red jacket and official cap.

Because of safety reasons, it is prohibited to distribute candy, flags, etc. from any vehicle or person participating in the parade". A form is included to be signed and returned stating that your organization will adhere to the guidelines.

Four (4) Porta Potties will be located at the Veterans Transitional Living Center 818 Myrtle Street.

All enclosed forms must be returned in order to participate. NO ENTRY FEE

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at rway@elp.rr.com and/or 915.227.8617.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Military color guard/ marching units, Fort Bliss General, combined veteran marching unit and local dignitaries will be in the front.

Respectfully,

Mr. Robert Way, Parade Committee Co-chair
Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event Parade
3137 Jarvis Dr.
El Paso, TX 79935
rway@elp.rr.com
915.227.8617



WAIVER OF LIABILITY RELEASE INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

For the consideration of the privilege of participating in the “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade, sponsored by the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event Committee (WHVVEC). The undersigned participant, His, hers, or their predecessors, successors, assigns, heirs, executors, administrators, and legal representatives, does hereby agree to release, indemnify, and hold harmless the (WHVVEC) its officers and members from and against any and all liability, claims, suits, losses, damages and causes of action, including all attorney fees and cost for death or injury, of any person or loss of damage to, or loss of use of any property, arising out of, or in connection with the participants participation in the above mentioned activity, such release and indemnity shall apply whether the claims, suits, losses, damages, causes of action, or liability arise in whole or in part from the negligence of the Welcome Home El Paso Vietnam Veterans Event , or any of its officers, or members. I hereby sign this document voluntarily with full knowledge of its contents.

SIGNATURE: _____

TITLE: _____

ON BEHALF OF: _____(ORGANIZATION NAME)

DATE: _____



ENTRY FORM **PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

DEADLINE FOR THIS ENTRY FORM IS AUGUST 15, 2016

ORGANIZATION_____

ADDRESS_____

PHONE_____ **E-Mail ADDRESS**_____

POINT OF CONTACT NAME_____

DATE SENT IN_____

PLEASE LIST WHAT KIND OF UNITS YOUR ORGANIZATION WILL BE ENTERING (HOW MANY)

COLOR GUARD_____

MARCHING UNIT_____

FLOAT_____ **TRUCK(S)**_____ **CAR(S)**_____

MAIL TO OR E-MAIL TO:

**Mr. Robert Way, Parade Committee Co-chair
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PARADE POSITION WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE
DATE THIS APPLICATION IS RECEIVED.



The _____ understands that any misconduct by any (Unit/Organization) Member of this organization during the “Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Parade”, could result in being removed from the parade and suspended from participating in future parades.

In addition I understand that we (organization) would be subject to reimbursing the (WHVVEC) for any additional cost as the result from the unit’s misconduct.

Please submit this form with the parade entry.

_____ and date _____

Signature

